2. Pilgrim travelling deck class on the pilgrim ship and using bus in the Hajaz.—Rs. 1,920.

3. Pilgrim travelling deck class on the pilgrim ship and employing camel for travel in the Hajaz.—Rs. 1,600.

These estimates include steamer fare, taxes payable in the Hajaz and the cost of transport and living in that country for a period of eight to ten weeks. Pilgrims are advised, in their own interest, to provide to themselves with funds, on the scale indicated above, otherwise they may be put to hardship.

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By Order,
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Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.

New Delhi, the 26th August 1944.

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HAJI PILGRIMAGE.

Instructions to intending Pilgrims.

Pilgrims intending to proceed to the Hedjaz for the ensuing Hajj are required to send their applications for passage on a pilgrimship to the Hajj Booking Officer, New Delhi, by registered post.

No special form has been prescribed, but the application should contain the following particulars in legible handwriting in English, Urdu, Bengali, Sindhi or Gujarati: Full name, father's name, age, Place of birth and province/state/country, present address, village, post office, tehsil, district, province/state foreign country, whether first class ticket is required or deck class, amount of passage money sent by postal money order presented in cash, number and date of the postal money order, signature and place and date of application.

The cost of 1st class return ticket is provisionally estimated at Rs. 857 and of deck return ticket at Rs. 328 inclusive of food charges on voyage and Jedda and Kamaran dues. This amount should accompany each application for passage—subject to adjustment later. Applications received in illegible handwriting and without full passage money will not be considered under any circumstances.

First class passage will be reserved by the Hajj Booking Officer in accordance with the priority of applications and deck passage will be reserved similarly but subject to the quotas fixed for British Indian provinces, states and neighbouring countries. Reservation cards will be issued by him to successful applicants. His decision shall be final.

Steamer tickets will be issued only to persons who are in possession of reservation cards which should be produced at the time tickets are purchased. In order to guard against loss or theft of such cards, pilgrims can affix their photographs on applications if they so desire.

Persons who do not receive reservation cards must not leave their home for the port as their passage cannot be guaranteed and they may have to go back disappointed. Unsuccessful applicants will get their passage money refunded to them less the money order commission on conclusion of the outward pilgrim season. Persons who secure reservation cards must reach the port mentioned therein by the date specified. They are warned that if they fail to do so, they run the risk of not getting their passage money refunded.

Children under twelve years of age will not be allowed to accompany pilgrims on the pilgrimships.

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